



WELCOME
CLASS of 2025
PARENT MEETING

SENIOR YEAR READY OR NOT, HERE WE COME!

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Christy Walker (A-Da)

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Important Dates

- TN PROMISE
Application open www.tnpromise.org
September 25th: application assistance at GHHS
Application Due Date: November 1, 2024
Mandatory Student Meeting: January 23rd @ 3:45
- College App Week
September 16th - 20th
- Free ACT retake for ALL seniors
Tuesday, October 22nd (during the school day)
Do not need to register on ACT website
- FAFSA will open in December 2024
Deadline to apply is March 15, 2025
GHHS FAFSA FRENZY WORKSHOP: FEBRUARY 3, 2025

COLLEGE APPLICATION TOOLKIT

- Instructional videos with step-by-step guides to complete the application process for 30 TN schools
- Application fee waiver codes
- <https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-2025-College-Application-Video-Toolkit.pdf>

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

- September 16th - Sept. 20th
- GHHS Media Center
- Sign up Genius for 1:1 meetings

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4AAEAD2FABFD0-51154932-college>

College Visits

- Student is allowed 3 excused college visits per year. After 3, it will require a parent note.
- Email the attendance office at least 3 days in advance of the absence GHHattendance@wcschools.com
- Student must turn in proof of the visit within 3 days after the visit.

Sending Transcripts to Colleges

- Visit GHHS Counseling Page
<https://ghhs.wcschools.com/counseling>
- Click on Transcript Request form
- Students can also come by the Counseling office and complete a transcript request form
- Will be sent out in 24-48 hours
- Can take 2-3 weeks for colleges to post your information
- Do not request until you have applied to college

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Provide your updated resume or brag sheet listing:
 - clubs
 - activities
 - sports
 - leadership roles
- Give counselor/teachers plenty of time to compose your letter.
(At least 2-3 weeks)
- Senior Brag sheet can be found on the GHHS Counseling page

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Go to GHHS Website

- Counseling**
 - Student Resources**
 - Local Volunteer Opportunities**
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- *8 hours required for TN Promise***
 - *80 hours required for TN Scholar***

Senior Recognitions

- TN Scholars
- Graduating with Honors, Distinction, Etc.
- Latin Honors Designations
- Work Ethic Distinction
- Tri-Star Scholar
- Seal of Biliteracy
- AP Scholar

See GHHS Program of Studies (Counseling website) for specific information on these state recognitions

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Latin Honors Designations (No Class Rank)

Summa Cum Laude	4.25 and above
Magna Cum Laude	4.00-4.24
Cum Laude	3.75-3.99

Graduation Recognition

Valedictorian or Salutatorian

Must attend GHHS for minimum of 4 semesters

Graduate Summa Cum Laude - (4.25 or above)

Take at least 3 Advanced Placement courses and pass 67% of AP exams with 3 or higher (by end of Junior year- won't have senior results before graduating)

20 hours Community Service

Student must attain the highest GPA.

If a tie, highest ACT score will be used.

Graduation Recognition

Honors

- Based on ACT Sub-Scores
- English-18, Math-22, Reading-22, Science-23
- Not based on GPA

DISTINCTION

3.0 GPA and 1 of the following:

- Earn a nationally recognized industry certification (ServSafe, CNA, Animal Science Industry Certification, and others)
- Earn a statewide or national recognition or award from a student organization
- Participate in one Governor's School
- Participate in one All-State musical organization
- Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
- Attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT
- Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least 2 AP exams
- Earn 12 or more semester hours of college credit

TN Scholar

- GPA 2.0 or above
- Four math classes
- 95% attendance (no more than 36 absences in 4 years)
- No out-of-school suspensions
- 80 hours of community service
- Any combination of two CTE, Dual Enrollment, AP, or Fine Arts credits
- This is NOT a scholarship

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ahbR1aDd7UsMrOK0gFxstJ9ZzVCtxDgLcz5XCwUNiic/edit#gid=0>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- TN PROMISE
- TN HOPE
- UT PROMISE
- Scholarship Resources/Websites

TN PROMISE

- Offers 2 years of tuition-free community or technical college
- NO GPA, ACT, or income requirements
- 8 hours of community service
- Apply online by November 1, 2024
- Attend mandatory meeting January 23rd @ 3:45
- Complete FAFSA by March 15, 2025
- If a student misses ANY deadlines, they are automatically ineligible for TN Promise Scholarship.

TN Hope Scholarship

- Minimum ACT of 21 or a minimum of 1060 on the SAT
- or overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 (when graduate)
- No income requirements
- Students **MUST** enroll within 16 months of high school graduation at an eligible institution
- Must complete FAFSA to qualify for HOPE

UT Promise Scholarship

- Must attend one of the UT Schools (Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin, Memphis, Pulaski)
- Must qualify for HOPE
- Family adjusted gross income under \$75,000
- Apply by December 15, 2024
- <https://tnachieves.org/ut-promise/>

Other Scholarships

- Collegefortn.org
- Fastweb.com
- Unigo.com
- Bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Check with parent employers, student employer, your bank, your church, etc.

- [GHHS LIST of scholarships](#)

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - FAFSA 2024-2025 will open in Dec. 2024
 - Must be completed by March 15, 2025
 - This is the application for HOPE Scholarship
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- Will need FSAID to complete application
 - <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

View Paying for College Webinars



www.collegefortn.org



<https://www.youtube.com/user/gearuptn/playlists>



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Tennessee Promise

@TNPromise Follows you

Graduation Recognition Form

- Graduation Recognition Form: March 2025: All seniors receive a google form to complete and document honors, distinction or both honors & distinction as well as other all other graduation recognitions.
- You may purchase a special cord(s) (paid for at school cash online). You will also receive a seal on diploma as well as noted on the graduation program and final transcript.

Information needed in April/May

Senior Survey:

Late April, seniors will be asked to fill out a google form to let us know where to send their final transcript. **This is a MUST.**

Seniors will also be asked to let us know all scholarships offered and the scholarships accepted. This information is needed by GHHS and Central Office.

**Senior Awards
Program will be in
May.**

DUAL ENROLLMENT TRANSCRIPTS

- Students must request their DE transcript be sent to the college that are enrolling in after high school.
- GHHS is unable to send your college transcript. It must be sent from Cumberland/Vol State directly.

GHHS Counseling Page

<https://ghhs.wcschools.com/counseling>

- SENIOR TIMELINE
- VOLUNTEER SERVICE
- PATH TO COLLEGE RESOURCES
- TRANSCRIPT REQUEST
- BRAG SHEET

Reminder:

New Family Rights and Responsibilities Act requires parent consent for academic, personal social or college personalized supports.

- Go to skyward, click on online forms to complete and submit
- We have paper forms here tonight for you to complete and turn in

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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